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1. Between 3 and 5 October 1946, a survey was made of the Christian Democratic newspaper Neue Zeit, published in the Soviet Zone of Germany. A change has been noted in the method of censorship. Complete articles are not actually banned for publication; but they are simply marked "not yet censored" and thus not released for publication. On 4 October 1946 a leading article dealing with the situation in the Dardanelles was marked "not censored", as was the commentary called "Election Heresies."

2. The following are individual examples of censorship:

Issue for 3 October 1946

- a. The following was deleted from an article on the Nürnberg acquittals: "(The Bayerische Rundschau) censures the demand to bring the defendants before a German tribunal."
- b. This commentary in a press review from the Yorkshire Post was deleted: "The Yorkshire Post warns against the theory that the Nürnberg decisions will assure peace and security with their severity. However, certain future dangers will be eliminated by the clarification that state leaders in a nation which has transgressed international law are no longer immune to punishment. The Nürnberg decisions undermine the dictatorship principle and negate the theory of absolving the guilt of those who obey the orders of a dictator."
- c. Mention of help to the German people from the British or Americans is not allowed. The following sentence was deleted: "The British Red Cross finances among other things the procurement of vitamins for a three-months' vitamin treatment for 120,000 persons."
- d. A sentence was also deleted concerning the fact that reparations for Russia are taken from German production.

Issue for 4 October 1946

- a. A sentence on the shortage of medicines and vaccines was changed from "due to the zonal boundaries there is a lack of - - -" to "due to insufficient imports there is a lack of - - -."

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- b. In an account of a robbery, the fact was censored that the robbers spoke Polish. They were described as "neglected German youths."

Issue for 5 October 1946

- a. In the economic section an interesting omission was made:
The original text stated "In the first half of 1946 about 500,000 cubic meters of pit-props were produced in the Soviet Zone, of which only 100,000 cubic meters were carted away. The remaining 400,000 cubic meters are still in the woods. On the other hand, the mines in western Germany are short 1,300,000 cubic meters." In the final version the last sentence was omitted.

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